



CLOSE VIEW OF PORT ARTHUR, SHOWING CHANNEL JAPANESE TRIED TO BLOCK.

RUSSIAN RULERS VERY MAD WITH EACH OTHER

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather.
WASHINGTON, March 20.—Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday: Virginia—Fair to clear; Tuesday, Wednesday, rain and warmer; light to fresh to north to east winds.
North Carolina—Fair Tuesday; Wednesday, rain and warmer in interior; fresh to brisk northeast winds.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.
North to east winds.
9 A. M. 40
12 P. M. 42
3 P. M. 44
6 P. M. 40
9 P. M. 38
12 midnight 36
Average 39.6-10

Highest temperature yesterday 42
Lowest temperature yesterday 36
Mean temperature yesterday 39.6
Normal temperature for March 42.5
Departure from normal temperature -11
Precipitation during past 24 hours .00

MINIATURE ALMANAC.
March 20, 1904.
Sun rises 6:01 AM. Sets 6:28 PM.
Moon sets 1:43 AM. Rises 11:10 PM.

Pro-English Sympathies of Czarina Provoked Severe Imperial Rebuke.

AMERICAN FLAG IS FURLED

Martial Law Declared at New Chwang—Foreigners Mystified. Hay's Diplomacy Defeated.

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LONDON, March 20.—Letters received here from St. Petersburg state that the marked and prolonged coldness between the Czar and Czarina is exciting comment in court circles. It is noticed they are rarely seen together and rarely exchange a word in public except when necessary. The strained relation is attributed to a quarrel at the time of the crisis with England. The Czarina manifested exaggerated sympathy with England, begging the Czar to make all sacrifices rather than risk a war with England. The Czar, fired by patriotism, sharply rebuked the Czarina, who resented it and has not forgiven him.

The correspondent of the Mail at Seoul cables, under date of March 20, that there has been an engagement between a force of Japanese Infantry and Cossacks. The fight was between Angu and Chongtu. The Japanese were victorious. The Russians retreated slowly. The Japanese losses were fifty killed. The Russian loss is not known. The two armies are gradually closing and it is probable that there will be constantly increasing number of affairs between outposts and scouting parties before a battle of any consequence is fought.

LONDON PAPERS ANXIOUS.

Discussing Whether or Not Russia Wants to Drag China in.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, March 20.—Up to last night no official communication had reached the Foreign Office confirming the declaration of martial law at New Chwang and officials are inclined to the opinion that the Russian government had not yet sanctioned Viceroy Alexieff's action. The declaration of martial law is somewhat anxiously discussed by the London morning papers, among which the question has arisen as to whether Russia is desirous of dragging China into the conflict.

The Morning Post considers that Russia's action "is calculated to relieve Japan of some embarrassment by removing some of the difficulties Japan would have experienced in dealing with New Chwang in the event of it becoming necessary to attack the Russian forces at that point."

No further news has been received here regarding the Port Arthur engagement with the exception that the Daily Telegraph inkow correspondent says the Japanese bombardment badly damaged the forward barbette of the Russian battleship Zarevitch. The correspondent adds:

"According to a rumor sixty-five Japanese transports, escorted by four cruisers, approached New Chwang Saturday and then departed southward. It is stated Viceroy Alexieff will return to Europe in a few days."
The Morning Post's New Chwang correspondent learns that the Japanese have not laid an expedition in the Liao River Valley before April 20th, as the transports are still engaged in conveying troops to Korea.
The correspondent at Shan-Hai-Kwan, of the Daily Mail asserts that the Chinese have received official authorization to turn over to the Japanese the plant of the Shan-Hai-Kwan Railway.
The Standard's Shanghai correspondent says that in compliance with Viceroy Alexieff's demand, the Tartar general of Peng Tien has withdrawn his troops to a distance of sixty miles from Mukden. He adds that the Russians are now left in complete control of the revenue and other departments. The Wei-Hai-Wei correspondent of the Times says:
"A Chinese junk which reports having seen on the morning of March 28th, (Continued on Third Page.)"

A COWBOY CONVERTED

Striking Scene Sunday at the Methodist Institute Here.

KENTUCKY HARRY, OF WEST

Is a Frontiersman of the Old Type and Has a Striking History.

Kneeling the central figure of a little group of earnest men and women, Kentucky Harry, a frontiersman and Indian fighter of the old type, cowboy, ranchman, comrade of a half dozen wild West notables, whose names, like his own, are the synonyms for all that is mysterious and daring, on Sunday evening in Richmond professed his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and began what he himself believes will be a new era in a life already crowded to the brim with events always remarkable and often turbulent.
No more striking scene has ever been enacted within the Methodist Institute, that witnesses so many sights strange and pathetic. For a time the Westerner, who had spent a day under the softening influence of the mission and who was now attending the evening service, refused to kneel. He was a man with a history; an adventurer, roughened by intimate contact with the elemental civilization of the frontier, but he hesitated to raise his voice in solemn prayer unless that invocation was sincere and heartfelt. Not even the cowboy, with his seasoned bravado, would dare trifle before the altar of God. Kentucky Harry, the ranchman, said he wished to think well, and while he pondered the attention of the superintendent, who had been preaching, was called to his case.

Then, after a little, he knelt, and Superintendent Wiley knelt with him. As did also the three or four workers in the room, mostly women. Perhaps for the first time in many years the cowboy prayed, and there, surrounded by the little group, he acknowledged a life that is exciting, but useless. It was a remarkable picture, and the old man, now turned sixty, was the controlling figure in it. Tall and wiry, but growing feeble, the life of the trackless West, he began to show upon him. His moustache and goatee are gray; his hair, also, hair that reaches to his shoulders, and once reached to his waist, is whitened by time. When he arose to his feet he spoke earnestly, candidly, and Christ and Indiana and good are gray; his faults. Then he was taken in charge by the mission authorities, and there he still is, both himself and Superintendent Wiley awaiting the outcome with interest.

Had Strange History.
It was about four days ago, or five, that Kentucky Harry struck Richmond.

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MANY DEATHS IN TRACK OF STORM

Arkansas Has Week of Tears, Families Broken Up, Fortunes Wiped Out.

(By Associated Press.)

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., March 28.—Last week was a period of storms in Arkansas. Winds are down to the northwestern part of the State and the extent of the damage to property and the number of lives lost has not yet been ascertained. The casualties thus far reported are:
J. B. CURTIS, a prominent farmer of New County, killed outright Friday night.
Six persons were killed in and near Gainesville as follows:
T. L. WILLIAMS.
MRS. E. M. DALTON.
FRANK ELLIS.
LENA BYRNES.
CHILD OF WHITE CROUTH.
CHILD OF MITCHELL WYATT.
Many people were injured and fifty houses were destroyed at this place.
Two negro children killed Friday night near Seligman.
Nelle Logan, negro girl, killed in wreck of school house at Fourchee, De Kalb county, in storm.

JAMESTOWN TO GET TWO MILLIONS

Virginia Delegation Well Pleased With Result.

CAPITOL RANG WITH GOODE'S ORATORY

Committee Was Enthralled by Such Eloquence as None Had Ever Heard.

JOHN TEMPLE GRAVES MAKES GREAT SPEECH

He Was Scarcely Less Impressive and Winsome Than Goode. Name of Exposition Changed to the "Jamestown International and Marine." Delegation Satisfied.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—The claims of the Jamestown Exposition Company, which is trying to secure an appropriation of three million dollars to aid in the exposition to be held on the shore of Hampton Roads in 1907, were ably presented to the House Committee on Industrial Arts and Expositions this morning and this afternoon.

A large delegation of business men from Norfolk and other cities, including Hon. J. Taylor Ellisen, from Richmond, were in attendance at the hearing. The chief address was made by Hon. John Goode, of Virginia, at the morning session of the committee. Mr. Goode spoke for over an hour. It is scarcely possible to exaggerate the interest which his speech excited, and the enthusiasm which it created. He devoted himself almost entirely to the historical claims, which the scheme of a great exposition had upon this government. He threw himself heart and soul into his subject, and the members of the committee and the spectators were enthralled by his eloquence and his wonderful facility of speech. His peroration was an outburst of eloquence that compelled the applause of the committee. On motion of Mr. Sherman, of New York, the chairman, Mr. Tawney, expressed the pleasure of the committee at listening to the address, which was, in reality, the most eloquent that has been heard in the Capitol in a long while.

Graves's Fine Effort.
Mr. John Temple Graves, of Atlanta, also addressed the committee in behalf of the claims of the exposition, and his speech was little less eloquent than that of Mr. Goode. Significant reports of the speeches were made, and they will be circulated throughout the country.

At the session of the committee this afternoon several gentlemen made addresses in behalf of the exposition project.
The exposition delegation was composed of General Fitzhugh Lee, of Richmond, president; D. Lowenberg, secretary; N. Beaman, treasurer; G. T. Sheppard, secretary; C. S. S. Sherwood, chairman of the finance committee; T. J. Wool, general counsel; S. Gordon Cumming, chairman of the legislative committee; George E. Bowden and R. M. Hughes, members of the last named committee, and Hon. J. Taylor Ellisen, representing the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities.

It is believed that the committee will report a bill in a few days, and that it will recommend the appropriation of a considerable sum, if not so great an amount as provided for in the original bill.

Won Great Victory.

It is stated to-night that the committee on Expositions of the House has practically agreed to report in favor of an appropriation to the Jamestown Exposition of two million dollars.
The bill, as introduced by Mr. Maynard, provided for an appropriation of three million dollars, but the representatives of the S. Exposition company who are here to-night in force are well pleased at the prospect of receiving two-thirds of the amount asked.

The report that the committee has agreed could not be absolutely verified.

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JEFF. DAVIS AGAIN CHOSEN GOVERNOR

Returns From Arkansas Precincts Indicate His Defeat of Judge Wood.

(By Associated Press.)

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., March 28.—On the face of the unofficial returns Governor Jefferson Davis has carried enough counties to give him 222 delegates in the State convention, that being the number necessary to secure the nomination.
Judge Carroll D. Wood carried the counties that give 102 votes in the convention, leaving 92 delegates uncertain.
Although Judge Wood carried the city of Little Rock by a big majority, the county precincts came up strong for Governor Davis, and according to figures, the Governor has a majority of 80 in the county.
The vote will be canvassed officially tomorrow, and a contest will be instituted by followers of Wood.



PROMINENT EDUCATORS GATHER IN CONFERENCE

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION BY THE CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION COMMISSION.

1. To secure a nine-month public school term for every child.
2. To bring a high school within reach of every child.
3. Adequate normal school education.
4. More efficient school supervision.
5. The addition of agricultural and industrial education to the curriculum.
6. A library in every school and co-operation of public libraries with public schools.
7. Suitable schools for defective and dependent classes.
8. Educational associations in every community to accomplish the foregoing objects.

Educational Commission Organized for the Betterment of State Schools.

MANY HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS

A Programme of Topics for Discussion To-day Made Up by the Participants.

The Co-operative Educational Commission of Virginia is the name of an organization effected yesterday at a meeting of men and women prominent in the educational work of this State, held in the Senate chamber at the Capitol. Two sessions were held, one beginning at 11 A. M. and continuing until nearly 1:30 P. M., when a recess was had for dinner. At 3:30 the body convened again, and at that sitting the committee appointed to carry out the purposes of the gathering reported, recommending this title for the organization and giving also the roster of the commission. The remainder of the afternoon session was consumed in formulating a programme for the further sessions of the commission, which will be held in the Senate chamber to-day. Governor Montague presided at the meeting, and Mr. John A. McGilvray was secretary.

The organization was preceded by a general discussion of the needs of this State along educational lines and of the best methods of accomplishing substantial results in the matter of extension and betterment of educational work. At the afternoon session of the body there was an informal discussion and submission of suggestions for a programme for the discussions for to-day. In this discussion some very fine practical talks were made, notably that by Captain C. B. Vawter, of the Miller Manual Labor School, who came in late in the session. The net result of the afternoon's work was the perfection of the organization and the completion of the programme of topics.

Purposes of Organization.

The conference convened at 11 A. M. in the Senate chamber, with a fairly good attendance in point of numbers and in personnel equal in standard to any body of educators and publicists assembled in this State in recent years. The gathering was distinguished especially for the harmony and unity of purpose that marked its deliberations.
Differences of views there doubtless were, but there was no disposition to debate these differences, but rather to ignore them and seek first of agreement and methods of promoting the common purpose which had called them together.
The unification and stimulation of the educational forces of the State—public schools, high schools, academies, colleges, universities, public and private institutions—to more energetic, harmonious and persistent efforts in devising and carrying into execution plans for the betterment of the educational system of the State and the stimulation of the cause of universal education. All of the speakers appealed for advancement, and made suggestions looking to the best means of securing results.
Those present were Governor A. J. Montague, Superintendent Joseph W. Southall, Secretary John A. McGilvray, Superintendent William P. Fox, Dr. S. C. Mitchell, of Richmond Normal School; Dr. Robert Fraser, of the Southern Education Board; Professor E. E. Blackwell, of Randolph-Macon; Professor H. J. Bird, of William and Mary; Professor W. A. Bowles, of the Institute for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind at Staunton; President J. L. Jarman, of the Farmville Normal; Attorney General William Anderson, representing Washington

GUNS BOOM AT MANASSAS

Regulars and National Guard to Play War Game on This Battlefield.

TROOPS BY THE THOUSANDS

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—There is every probability of there being as many troops on the battlefield of Bull Run this fall as there was in the summer of 1861, when the war between the States was more or less formally opened.

It is the fixed intention of the War Department to have the regular troops and the National Guards of as many States as possible to meet on that historic field.

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DWYER WINS IN THE MATCH

Sailor Sharkey Could Not Throw the Athlete Twice Within an Hour.

HARD TO DO IT ONCE

Big Tom Sharkey failed to make good his agreement to throw Mike Dwyer twice in an hour at the Academy last night, and the Richmond man won the match. The conditions of the match were: "Sharkey to throw Dwyer twice in one hour of actual wrestling time. If Dwyer wins one fall or more, it does not count in this match. Pin falls are only to count, with the strangle lock barred. If Sharkey fails to throw Dwyer, he is to receive \$300; in case he should throw Dwyer, he is to receive \$500."

Under this agreement Dwyer won the match, and Sharkey got \$50.
Sharkey depends upon his weight and his enormous strength to win. He lacks cleverness, and had Dwyer shown up anything near his weight, it would have been all over with him in less than five minutes after the match started.
But his strength helped him. Time after time, Dwyer had him down, but the oval-shaped back of the big pugilist wouldn't stay down—like Banquo's ghost, he simply rolled over, and Dwyer's science was crowned.

On the other hand, Sharkey had to exert his strength to put Dwyer's shoulders to the mat. It took him thirty-five minutes to do so in the first fall, while Dwyer had the big one on his shoulders eight separate times. It was like rolling a barrel, however, and Sharkey always came up smiling, but winded. He was not as rough in his work as Munroe was in the last match.
But like Munroe, Sharkey, at pleasure, almost arose from the mat, casting Dwyer aside like the wafing of a leaf in the autumn breeze.
The big man was clumsy. His success in putting Dwyer down was due entirely to his weight and strength, and at the end he had little wind left.
Sharkey's Tribute.
"He's a clever fellow," he said of Dwyer, in his dressing room, between the falls. "There is not so much strength about him, but he is quick. I got him down once, as I thought, but he twisted out of my hold, and I don't know how low in the mischief he did it."
Then he laughed. All the big pugilists seem to be good-natured sorts of fellows.

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GEN. PAYNE'S LIFE SLOWLY EBBING OUT

Barely Alive at 1 o'Clock This Morning and No Hope of His Recovery.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—The attendants at the bedside of General William H. Payne expect death at any moment. The patient has been growing steadily weaker since yesterday morning, and life is scarcely perceptible at 1 o'clock this morning.
General Fitzhugh Lee has been at the Gloucester, where General Payne is dying, for hours throughout the day and night. When he left shortly before midnight, he said he hoped to see his old brigade commander alive to-morrow, but he feared death would come before dawn. General Payne served under General Lee during nearly the whole of the war.
"Payne was as fine a cavalryman as ever put a leg over a horse," said General Lee to-night, his eyes filled with tears and his voice broken with sorrow.